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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 53

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Joint Resolution 53 by
3 replacing everything with the following:

4 "WHEREAS, The unintended or uncontrolled breeding of cats
5 leads to the births of thousands of kittens annually, many of
6 whom become feral cats, often referred to as "community cats";
7 and

8 WHEREAS, There is a need to preserve wildlife, improve cat
9 welfare, maintain property rights, and enhance public health by
10 humanely managing and limiting the growth of the number of
11 feral cats in Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Feral cats are often impounded and killed, at
13 great expense to the community; and

14 WHEREAS, Trap, neuter, vaccinate, and return programs

1 manage and limit the growth of the number of feral or community
2 cats; and

3 WHEREAS, Management of feral cats is also affected by local
4 government ordinances; and

5 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
7 CONCURRING HEREIN, that a Feral Cat Task Force be appointed to
8 examine the Animal Control Act, the Humane Care for Animals
9 Act, and the Animal Welfare Act and any other relevant
10 statutory provisions, other trap, neuter, and return programs
11 in other states and trap and adopt programs and make
12 comprehensive written recommendations for change that would
13 result in the effective management of feral and community cats,
14 preserve wildlife, improve cat welfare, maintain property
15 rights, and enhance public health; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the
17 following members:

- 18 (1) the President of the Senate, or his designee;
19 (2) the Speaker of the House or his designee;
20 (3) the Minority Leader of the Senate or her designee;
21 (4) the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or
22 his designee
23 (5) a representative appointed by the Department of

1 Agriculture;

2 (6) a representative appointed by the Department of Natural
3 Resources;

4 (7) a representative appointed by the Illinois State
5 Veterinary Medical Association;

6 (8) a representative appointed by the Illinois
7 Environmental Council;

8 (9) a representative who is a county animal control
9 administrator from a county of over 4 million residents;

10 (10) a representative who is on the Board of the Alliance
11 for Contraception in Cats & Dogs (ACCD) appointed by the
12 University of Illinois School of Veterinary Medicine;

13 (11) a representative appointed by Best Friends Animal
14 Society;

15 (12) a representative appointed by the Illinois Farm
16 Bureau;

17 (13) a representative appointed by the Illinois Humane
18 Society;

19 (14) a representative appointed by the Illinois Chapter of
20 the Sierra Club;

21 (15) a representative appointed by the Illinois Audubon
22 Society;

23 (16) a representative appointed by the Illinois Wildlife
24 Society who is a certified wildlife biologist;

25 (17) a representative appointed by the County Animal
26 Controls of Illinois who is currently employed as an Animal

1 Control Administrator or an Animal Control Warden in a
2 county with a population of less than 2 million; and
3 (18) a representative from Tree House Humane Society; and
4 be it further

5 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall select a
6 Chairperson from among themselves; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That appointments to the Task Force must be made
8 by July 1, 2016; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall hold at least 3
10 hearings, which shall be held in geographically separate
11 regions of the State; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Task Force members shall receive no
13 compensation, and shall conclude all business by January 1,
14 2017; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
16 delivered to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the
17 House, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority
18 Leader of the House of Representatives."